

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman;
Nanci E. Langley, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton; and
Tony Hammond

Competitive Product Prices
Priority Mail Contract 60 (MC2013-54)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2013-70

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued June 28, 2016)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire July 8, 2016.¹ The Postal Service and the contract partner have been working cooperatively on a successor contract over the past several weeks, but have not yet finalized the agreement.² The Postal Service seeks “a thirty (30) day extension to allow the existing contract to remain in effect, or until such time as the successor contract has been approved by the Commission.” Motion at 1.

In Order No. 1523, the Commission directed the Postal Service to file motions for temporary relief at least one week prior to the contract’s expiration date.³ The Postal

¹ See Order No. 1773, Order Adding Priority Mail Contract 60 to the Competitive Product List, July 8, 2013, at 5.

² Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, June 27, 2016 (Motion).

³ See Docket No. CP2009-38, Order Granting Motion for Temporary Relief and Providing Guidance Regarding Future Motions for Temporary Relief, November 1, 2012, at 2 (Order No. 1523).

Service filed the Motion timely, more than one week prior to the Existing Agreement's July 8, 2016, expiration date.

The Commission grants the Motion to extend the Existing Agreement's expiration date through the earlier of: (1) August 8, 2016; or (2) the effective date of a successor agreement approved by the Commission. The relatively brief extension is in the public interest because it is unlikely to have any material effect on cost coverage, will avoid undue disruption in the administration of the contract, and will not prejudice any person.

Any fully executed modification to the Existing Agreement between the Postal Service and the customer should be filed with the Commission.

It is ordered:

The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief concerning Priority Mail Contract 60, filed June 27, 2016, is granted as discussed in the body of this Order.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble
Secretary